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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 15, 2003, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 27,2003, Applicants respectfully request that the referenced patent application be amended as follows.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.